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*Attached is a Response to Final Office
Action for 09/514,657.*

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/514,657

Filed: February 29, 2000

For: **METHOD FOR FACILITATING
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Attorney's Docket No. 4015-321

Examiner
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In reply to the Office Action of November 19, 2002, Applicant submits the following Response. If any fees for the Response are due, Applicant submits that this be considered a Petition therefore, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 18-1167.

REMARKS

The Examiner has maintained the rejection to claims 1-8, and 10-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the combination of Borgstahl and Rosenberg. Respectfully, however, the §103 rejection fails for at least three reasons.